

## **MINUTES**

### **STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)**

November 18, 2008

Meeting No. 66

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Stanley, Lori Jones Woods, John Bordenave, John Parker, E. Linwood Smith, Jesse W. Laurie, Thomas J. Porter, John Wise, Larry Roberts, John Wallace, William E. Zimmerman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Linda Morales, Bob Smolinsky, Jeff Blau

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Karen Rahn, Lydia Quintero, Yash Desai, Jim Vogelsberg, Ann Audrey, Jim Glock, Matt Flick, Tanya Grahn, John Wood, John O'Hair, Mark Waller, Calob Lostutter, Lisa Radtke, Tracy Bogardus, Jason Wong, Brian Chang, William Defer, Kent Delph, Frank Sousa,

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2 - INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the SAC introduced themselves.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF SAC MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2008**

Lori Jones Woods moved to accept the minutes of October 14, 2008 as submitted. John Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4 – LOTS 2, 3, AND 4 AT RODEO WASH – WASH APPLICATION**

This request would allow the installation of a culvert adjacent to Rodeo Wash on the southwestern corner of Valencia Road and Alvernon Way. The project consists of a culvert to drain three proposed parcels. Rodeo Wash runs east-to-west south of the site and is designated a WASH wash. There is proposed development within the 50-foot study area, and the terminus of a culvert and replacement of a portion of the existing concrete bank protection is within the 100-year floodplain. The vegetation consists of creosote plants and no protected species or riparian habitat. Staff has recommended approval of the project.

After some discussion, Lori Jones Woods recommended Development Services approve this project with the following additions:

- Install an erosion control blanket on all slopes steeper than 3:1 (Add notes to engineering and landscape plans).
- Require successful establishment of revegetation prior to the extinguishment of the easement (Add notes to the engineering and landscape plans).
- Revise note on the landscape plan to indicate that the total pounds of seed mix for the revegetation area is 2 lbs. (i.e., not 2 lbs. per acre, as noted).

E. Linwood Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 – DESERT CHRISTIAN WRIGHTSTOWN – ERZ APPLICATION**

This is a request to allow the development of a 16.44-acre elementary school and middle school on property located on the north side of Wrightstown Road near Harrison Road. The Tanque Verde Wash runs northwestward along the northern portion of the site and is designated an ERZ wash. There is proposed development, primarily by the athletic fields, within the 100-year floodplain.

After some discussion, Lori Jones Woods moved to recommend Development Services approve the plan with the following additions:

- Provide a seed mix list appropriate to the site. Include species to provide structural diversity to revegetated areas since only two tree species will be planted. (Add list to Landscape Plan)
- Delete Yellow Bird of Paradise from the plant list due to its current status as a non-native invasive species, and potential threat to the adjacent riparian vegetation along Tanque Verde Wash.
- Clearly delineate the conservation easement on development plan and on the landscape plan. Add note to engineering plans and landscape plan to clarify intent (restoration of native plant community, monitoring of biological resources) and allowed uses (no development or active recreational activities)
- Clearly delineate location of protective fencing to ensure site grading does not occur outside of grading limits.
- Revise grading plan to reflect a more concerted effort to capture and utilize rainwater on-site. Examples: Development of central east/west swale to include native plants and rock boulder placement to slow flows, reduce runoff, and create a riparian wash habitat; grading the athletic fields to maximize use of rainwater for turf establishment and maintenance, and reduce need for supplemental irrigation; grading within the developed area to benefit plants and landscape areas. (Note: Please provide the project engineer, landscape architect, and school headmaster with copies of the City's Water Harvesting Guidance Manual.)

Tom Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-1 with two recusals by Larry Roberts and John Wallace.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6 – REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS**

**Member/Ward Updates** – John Bordenave handed out a report from Ward 1 encouraging residents to volunteer in their communities to help eradicate buffel grass and promote water harvesting.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Ann Audrey gave an update on the Commercial Water Harvesting Ordinance. The Development Standard is under preparation and will be finished by the end of December. In the meantime, commercial projects are subject to water harvesting requirements under the existing Land Use Code.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8 - FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The next SAC meeting is set for December 9, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Transit Conference Room, 149 N. Stone Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

The following items will be included on the agenda:

- Watercourse Maintenance Guidelines
- Resource Planning Advisory Committee Update
- Discuss types of projects the SAC would like to review vs. projects that could be reviewed by staff

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m. on a motion made by Larry Roberts, seconded by Jesse Laurie.